

Navy COOL Web site

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The Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line "Navy COOL" Web site launched June 9 as a hub for comprehensive information to guide Sailors in pursuing occupational credentials related to their Navy work experience and training.

Navy COOL catalogs detailed information on occupational credentials, including certifications, qualifications, licenses, apprenticeships and growth opportunities, which correspond to every Navy rating, job and occupation. It also outlines the paths to achieve occupational credentials.

According to Capt. Kevin R. Hooley, commanding officer for the Center for Information Dominance (CID) Corry Station and Navy COOL project leader, the site is a top-rate Web-based tool that is another innovative blended training solution of the Revolution in Training.

"Navy COOL puts a vast amount of credentialing information from numerous federal, state and local sources at Sailors' fingertips and provides them a road map for earning occupational credentials to boost their knowledge, skills and abilities — in the Navy and beyond," Hooley said.

Navy COOL hosts links to credentialing organizations and cross-references programs, such as Tuition Assistance, Montgomery GI Bill, and the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES), which may help Sailors pay for credentialing fees. It also contains links to the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) and Web sites that provide information about college programs available to Sailors.

For Sailors with limited Internet access, such as those stationed on ships or at remote locations, a portable copy of Navy COOL has been developed. "COOL to Go" is downloadable from Navy COOL to a hard drive, compact disc or flash drive.

It offers the same information minus connectivity to external sites if used offline. With an Internet connection, COOL to Go is identical to Navy COOL including links. COOL to Go mini CDs are being developed for distribution.

Navy COOL is being delivered in two phases.

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Web site July 7. Photo by Darlene Goodwin.*



The Phase I launch of Navy COOL contains information for every Sailor in every rating. During Phase II, which is already in progress, the Navy Credentials Office is conducting a detailed comparison of the job task analysis (JTA) for each Navy rating with thousands of available occupational credentials.

Hooley said that may lead to additional funding options for Sailors pursuing credentials.

"As Phase II is completed over the next 14 months, the credentials that most closely relate to each Navy rating will be flagged on Navy COOL," Hooley said. "As these credentials are identified and the related policies are approved, we expect Navy funds to be made available, subject to budget constraints, to cover fees for these designated credentials."

In the future, specific credentialing information for naval officers and civilians will be added to Navy COOL, as associated JTAs are completed. Until then, officers and civilians can refer to the Web site for general credentialing information to help them pursue career goals.

Sailor interest in Navy COOL appears to be high, given the statistics for the launch week and informal feedback via the Web site. Daily activity averaged 1,154 visits and 65,000 hits, with most visitors viewing about six pages over a 13-minute period.

Rear Adm. Dave Gove, commander, Naval Personnel Development Command and Navy Personnel Command, encourages all Sailors to visit Navy COOL.

"We are striving to create and retain the most highly skilled workforce possible, and this key investment in the professional development of our workforce is a win-win for the Navy and the nation," Gove said.

Visit Navy COOL at <https://www.cool.navy.mil>.

For more information, refer to NAVADMIN 193/06 or contact the Navy Credentials Program Office via e-mail at crry_cqcredentials@navy.mil.

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